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LASER AND A METHOD FOR...

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REQUEST FOR SUBSTITUTE OFFICE ACTION

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is not a response to the Office Action of

October 6, 2003.

This is a request that the Examiner provide a translation of the Japanese reference document that is being relied upon to support rejections made in the previous action. In that action, the Examiner made specific reference to a portion of the Japanese language document appearing on a page numbered 179.

Pursuant to MPEP 706.02, in the section entitled RELIANCE UPON ABSTRACTS AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF A REJECTION,

"If the document is in a language other than English and the Examiner seeks to rely on that document, a translation must be obtained so that the record is clear as to the precise facts the Examiner is relying upon in support of the

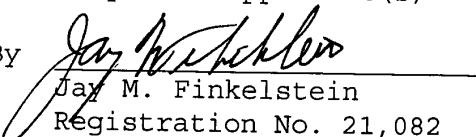
rejection. The record must also be clear as to whether the Examiner is relying upon the abstract or the full text document to support a rejection."

The cited section of the manual also points out that a translation must be obtained because it is possible that "the full text document will include teachings away from the invention that will preclude an obviousness rejection...". Thus, since in the present case, the Examiner is specifically relying on the full text document, and not simply the abstract, a translation of the document must be obtained and, of course, in order for the record to be clear, applicant must be provided with a copy of that translation.

Accordingly, it is requested that a translation of the Japanese language reference be provided in a new Office Action setting a new period for response.

Respectfully submitted,

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